

Education Committee

March 7, 2011

S.B. No. 1106 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EARLY EDUCATION AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT.

Dear Senator Stillman, Representative Fleischmann and members of the Education Committee,

My name is Nieda Nieves, and I'm a home-based child care provider from Hartford. I am writing to you to ask for your support for S.B. No. 1106. Home-based providers need a solid support structure that will help us improve our professions and child care quality in our state. One of the main concerns I have with the current system is the high costs of training and certifications that providers must absorb in order keep their higher standards of care.

If there were some sort of financial incentives to help with the cost of trainings, more providers would seek to improve their skills and child care quality in Connecticut would rise. And children receiving higher quality care would do better in school- better preparing them for the road ahead. Please support this bill that would give us the organization we need improve care in our state.

Sincerely,

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